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In re Application of:

Heuft et al.

Group Art Unit: 2882

Application No. 10/534,653

Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: May 12, 2005

For:

DEVICE FOR EXAMINING FILLED CONTAINERS BY MEANS OF X-RAYS

AND USE OF THIS DEVICE

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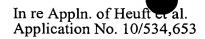
The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form 1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

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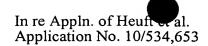
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